

REMARKS

Claims 7-19 have been rejected on the basis of double patenting in that the same invention was claimed in co-pending application no. 10/691,922. The double patenting rejection is provisional in that the subject claims have not, in fact, been patented.

Claims 7-19 have been stated as distinguishing over the art.

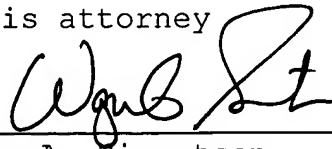
The relevant claims in co-pending application no. 10/691,922 have been canceled. Accordingly, it is believed that the basis for the double patenting rejection is no longer present and that the claims remaining in this application are patentable. Reconsideration of the application and the issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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